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S.F. WORKERS DEFY TERROR--MEET AUG. 1---HEADQUARTERS REOPEN!

Chinese Red Army Scores Victory

5,000 Advance To Within 12 Miles of Foochow

IMPERIALIST COUNTRIES RUSH WARSHIPS TO FIGHT COMMUNISTS

SHANGHAI, Aug. 3.—With reports of a force of more than 5,000 troops of the Chinese Red Army only twelve miles from Foochow, warships of three nations were rushed to that city today in an effort to protect their investments and aid the Nationalist government in an attack.

The United States gunboat Sacramento was rushed to the scene, a British destroyer was ordered to proceed from Hongkong at once and a Japanese warship was already under way.

The recent collapse of the latest Kominant anti-Soviet campaign was one of the greatest military victories scored in China in many years, when the Red Army, aided by workers and peasants, put to utter rout eight crack divisions of the Kominant army who had been specially trained by the German general, Von Seck. Beaten before they even entered Soviet territory, they fled and mass desertions to the Red Army were great. The prestige gained in the beating back of six of Chiang Kai Shek's anti-Soviet campaigns and the capture of Shikou has swung huge new areas to supporting the Soviet government.

The present advance toward Foochow of the Red Army has the backing of the workers and peasants who have prevented the embargo on Soviet territory becoming effective.

War Dept. to Make Coast Survey to Build Airbases

DERN ON INSPECTION TOUR; TO DEMAND BIGGER ARMY, MORE PLANES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—To increase the war preparations on the Pacific Coast, particularly in the Ninth Corps Area, Secretary of War Dern passed through here today announcing that a complete survey will be made of California and the whole Coast soon. Dern is enroute to Portland, Ore., where he will confer with Pres. Roosevelt on the matter when the latter arrives on the cruiser Houston.

"There must be many army airbases built north of San Francisco," Dern declared. "The army is concentrating its air forces on this coast," a policy he indicated would be extended.

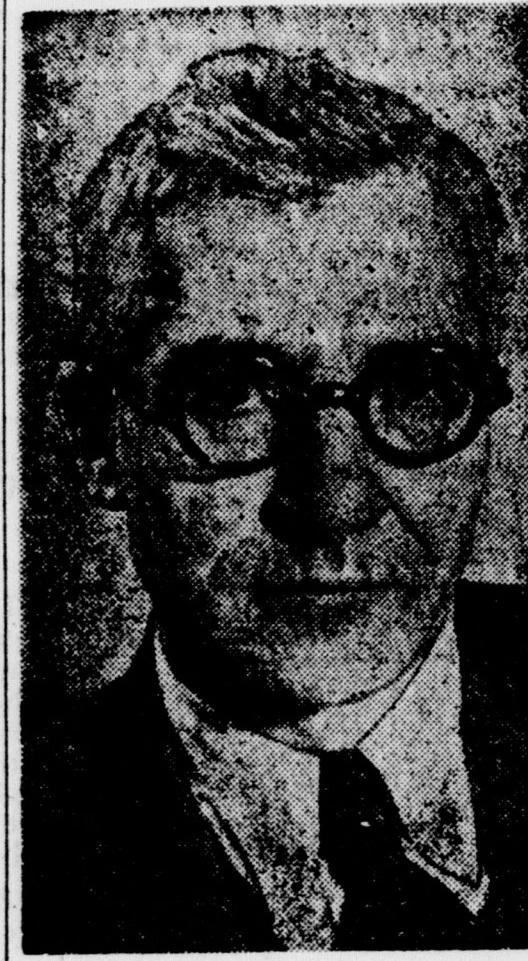
Dern just finished a complete survey of the Panama Canal and is preparing a report demanding the army be raised to 165,000 regulars, and a great increase be made in the Panama forces, both as to men and artillery and planes.

Alaska Survey.

The proposed airbases are in line with the recent navy flight to Alaska, which proved the feasibility of sending squadrons of small attack planes over long flights with bases at distances of several hundreds of miles apart. The planes, in addition to the army flight of bombers which is expected to be sent soon to Fairbanks, Alaska, will remain for survey work along the Aleutian Islands and mainland Alaska in preparation to establishing of many airbases in that territory. Two submarines and other craft have been sent to these waters to carry out the naval survey.

The training camps of the National Guardsmen have been advanced. Now that they have been pulled off the San Francisco waterfront the three encampments of two weeks each for further training in riot drill will start at once. Ventura and San Luis Obispo camps begin Aug. 4 and 5.

Leo Gallagher



Fillmore Workers Center, MWIU Hall Opened

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—Continued protests from workers and organizations all over the country have forced the S. F. Municipal Court to issue restraining orders permitting the reopening of the headquarters of the Marine Workers Industrial Union, 65 Jackson St., and the Workers' Center at 1223 Filmore street, which were wrecked by

police and gangsters in the raids following July 17th. Suit is being brought against the S. F. police department by the M.W.I.U. for \$300 damage resulting from the illegal raid, and by the Fillmore street hall for \$3,000. Other halls will open in rapid succession as labor continues to voice its demands for freedom of speech and assembly.

Communist Election Campaign ...A Task Facing All Workers

Efforts of the police and the Industrial Association to illegalize the militant workers movement are being defeated, as step after step is taken to renew, moreover, increase Communist activity.

The California Hitlers, and their vigilantes, could only get the support of the out-and-out reactionaries for their dirty business—Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Association, Rotary Clubs, Legion commanders and such.

BUT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SHOW ONE ORGANIZATION WHICH INCLUDES MASSES OF PEOPLE, IN SUPPORT OF THE ANTI-RED DRIVE.

The vigilante raids have aroused a storm of protests from every quarter. People in the United States will not give up their elementary rights. THIS IS THE REASON WHY POLICE DID NOT INTERFERE WITH THE AUGUST 1ST MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO, although the original hall was cancelled. This is the reason why a court order was obtained restraining police from interfering with the re-opening of headquarters. This is the reason for many of those arrested being already dismissed.

ELECTION DRIVE—THE BIG STEP.

But these are only the first steps. The big job is to get the election drive under way, IRRESPECTIVE OF ALL THAT THE FASCISTS WOULD LIKE, THE COMMUNIST PARTY CANDIDATES ARE ON THE BALLOT.

The capitalist government will do all it can to interfere with the Party's conduct of the election campaign, but it cannot find any legal grounds for stopping the Party's open activities. It is because they cannot find any legal grounds, that they hire vigilante thugs to use illegal means.

But we know that laws are meaningless, anyway, when it comes to rights for workers. WHEN DON'T THE GOVERNMENT AGENTS INTERFERE WITH OUR ACTIVITIES?

Communists, union members, liberals and all friends of the working class should realize that in addition to all other issues, the right of workers to organize, meet and speak is now very intimately linked with an active Communist Election Campaign.

COMING WEEKS—A TEST.

For the fascists of California, events for the coming period will be a test. If they find that their rampage was successful in driving our Communist movement into illegality, to stop its mass campaigns, and scare the workers away from it, then such methods will be the order of the day. Then they will proceed in a similar manner against the unions, liberal minded people, and workers' fraternal organizations. But it will also be a test for the workers and all progressive minded people. Will we confine ourselves to protest resolutions or will we prove with greater activity than ever that not an inch will be yielded to the fascists?

Thinking that persecution of the Communists gives them an advantage, the Socialist Party and Socialites have been making frantic appeals to radical minded people and the thousands who have been aroused by the recent events. They, sometimes even assuming a friendly tone towards the Communists, argue that a protest against vigilante rule should be registered through them. "The Communist Party has no chance," they say.

Nothing could be worse than following the advice of these politicians. It would only help the policy of the capitalist Parties—to divert the growing mass support for the Communists into channels which throw it to these humbugs, which they purposely encourage or that purpose. It would therefore encourage the line of the fascists ONLY COMMUNIST SUPPORT WILL DEFY FASCISTS.

Only a mass support of the Communist Party will really prove that the workers will fight to the very last ditch, and not be tricked. Only the Communist platform comes out squarely for the interests of the workers and poor farmers.

A vote for Communism will be a vote for what you want. Only in that way can you exercise that mass pressure which will result in concessions. If Communist representatives get into office, the workers can count on voices to express their needs—to counter all the measures that the capitalists try against us.

A COMMUNIST ELECTION OFFICE SHOULD BE OPENED IN EVERY CITY, AND NEIGHBORHOOD, IMMEDIATELY. In many parts where organizers are not immediately available, people in neighborhoods should take their own initiative. Get your friends together and write to the State Headquarters for literature, platforms, and directives.

In forming your group make the appeal broad. APPEAL TO ALL THOSE WHO AGREE FOR A FIGHT AGAINST TERROR AND HUNGER!

MAKE THEM REALIZE THAT IF THE FASCIST SNAKE IS GIVEN QUARTER IN CALIFORNIA, A BASIS WILL BE FORMED FROM WHICH IT COULD TRY TO CHOKE THE ENTIRE COUNTRY!

TELL THEM IT'S THE ONLY TICKET OF THE WORKERS AND POOR FARMERS!

Harry Jackson In Court Test Fight On Suppression

Try to Frame Marine Workers Industrial Union Head On Vagrancy

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—Harry Jackson, militant Pacific Coast organizer of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, was tried for vagrancy before a jury in Judge Alden Ames' court Thursday and today. As we go to press the trial is still proceeding, with Jackson on the witness stand.

The trial, a test fight on whether the San Francisco and state laws on vagrancy can be construed as they were in Imperial Valley, is of the utmost importance in the fighting back of the militant working-class movement against fascist attempts at suppression. Jackson is held on charges of vagrancy over a period of ten days. The first frame-up charges of being "lewd, dissolute, a night-prowler, and an associate of known pickpockets and thieves" have been dropped and he is charged with having no legal occupation and won't work when it is offered.

The frame-up is as raw as the attack on the M.W.I.U. hall had been. No testimony has been offered to back it up. But the charge "no legal occupation" is aimed at declaring all those active in the revolutionary movement of the working class.

Realizing the importance of this trial, workers have jammed the court room every day and long lines extend along the corridors.

Leo Gallagher, candidate for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court and internationally known as defender of workers, is fighting (Continued on P. 3, Col. 2.)

Whitewash Police Killers of Sperry and Condeorakis

CORONER JURY INQUIRY ON MURDERS IS RUSHED THRU

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—The police who murdered two workers here on Bloody Thursday have been whitewashed!

Yesterday in a fake inquiry before the coroner's jury the ruthless killing on July 5th of Nick Condeorakis (Bordois) and Howard Sperry at Steuart and Market streets near the I. L. A. hall was given an official "OK."

The cold-blooded murder of Sperry was called "justifiable homicide. Death caused by buckshot wounds inflicted by an unknown officer in lawful performance of his duty in suppressing a riot." Comrade Condeorakis, member of the Communist Party, was declared killed "from gunshot wounds inflicted by a person or persons unknown to the jury."

Policeman Captain Dullea, after admitting the slugs were fired "evidently by police," tried to assert that "we can't tell who fired those shots, but there was shooting from both sides." This, despite the well known fact that the thousands of longshore pickets and other workers were totally unarmed and hundreds of witnesses could testify to the fact that only the police shot. Their lies that rocks were thrown thus provoking the firing were disproved by other testimony showing no rocks were thrown until later, when workers defended themselves.

Every effort was made to rush the whitewashing through quickly.

Ivan Cox, local secretary of the I. L. A., was finally permitted to read into the record an affidavit by Alexander Todd, manager of the service station on the corner where the murders occurred. When Todd sent his son to aid the men lying dead or wounded on the sidewalk, police ordered him to "Get the hell out of here or you'll get what they got."

The whitewashing, rushed through on schedule to prevent action being taken against the police department, city, and the officers who shot the two workers, is done. But the workers will never forget Howard Sperry and Nick Condeorakis who died in their fight.

Jammed Meet Hears Party Speakers

CHEERS GREET APPEARANCE OF WESTERN WORKER IN SPITE OF RAIDS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—San Francisco labor will not be suppressed. This was the answer on August First—International Day Against War and Fascism—this was the answer to Chief Quinn's declaration that the "radicals have been driven out of San Francisco."

In spite of threats from Mayor Rossi, Chief Quinn and Captain O'Meara, workers packed the Knights of the Red Branch hall last night, cheered Communist speakers and voiced militant protests against war and fascist suppression of workers' rights. The turn-out was evidence of the determination of the workers to militantly defend their rights against all attacks.

Originally announced for Polk Hall, the meeting had to be moved to Mission street when Municipal Courts refused to grant a restraining order to revoke cancellation of the hall. Newspapers announced that no meeting would be held. But by word-of-mouth hundreds of workers were able to find out that the meeting was moved to the Mission street hall, and many could not get in after it was filled.

Communists Speak.

John Weatherwax spoke for the League Against War and Fascism. Leo Gallagher, famous attorney who defended Reichstag frame-up prisoners, and Sarah Bard Field, author, spoke in defense of workers' rights. Col. Chas. Erskine Scott Wood spoke from the floor urging workers to militant organization. Harry Jackson, organizer of the M.W.I.U., now facing frame-up charges in Judge Ames' court, announced the opening of the union hall and efforts to obtain a Federal injunction to prevent lawless police raids. He declared that copies of the Western Worker were being sold on all ships in port. Joe Wilson, organizer of the I.L.D. and chairman of the meeting, stated that the I.L.D. was driving for the release of all prisoners by Saturday. A voluntary collection of \$148.00 was made by the audience and an unanimous decision to support the drive.

Minnie Carson, Communist candidate for Congress, received a tremendous ovation. Her call for all workers to join the Communist Party in answer to the bosses' challenge met with unanimous applause. She spoke in place of Sam Darcy, scheduled to speak but urgent necessity called him away to Sacramento.

The first issue of the Western Worker since the raids was on sale and was snatched up eagerly by the workers. Announcement that the paper would continue with its scheduled twice-weekly publication drew enormous applause from the entire house.

San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 1.—Thirty-five uniformed police, and 50 plainclothesmen and vigilantes operating with them, broke up a mass meeting against war and fascism in Newtown Park at 2 p. m. here today, after Bessie Keckler, candidate for assemblyman on the Communist Party ticket, had spoken two minutes.

Police blocked use of both the Women's Club and Woodbine Hall for other announced meetings by intimidating the proprietors.

The workers managed, however, to hold an outside meeting at 8th and E streets before the police arrived.

San Diego Worker Faces Trial On August 6th

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 3.—The preliminary hearing of Angus Drysdale, 22, librarian of the Workers' and Students' Bookshop, 852 8th avenue, charged with criminal syndicalism, has been set for 10 a. m., August 6th, in the court of Judge Dany in the Spreckels Building.

East of the Rockies

Chicago Teachers Win 4 Years' Back Pay.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—The long fight of Chicago school teachers scored a victory today when it was announced that 14,000 of them would get \$25,447,240 in back salaries, covering a period of four years.

N.Y. Garment Workers Vote General Strike

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—By a vote of 4792, knitted garment workers in the whole metropolitan area approved a general strike. The move, in support of the mass strike of 12,000 painters, will also bring forward their own demands.

12,000 Painters Strike in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—12,000 painters answered the lockout of the Master Painters' Association Monday with a general strike. The Association is trying to cut the wage to \$8 for an 8-hour day, from the former \$9 for a 7-hour day. Local 499 has called on all other locals and all rank and file members to develop a united front against the employers and their agents, including Zausner, who is on the District Council illegally. Other locals voted down the bosses' offers and not to give power to the District Council to settle.

Call Mounted Police in Mine Strike.

STELLARTON, Nova Scotia, Aug. 2.—Reinforcements of Royal Canadian Mounted Police were rushed here today to aid police in breaking the strike of the miners at the Arcadia Coal Co.

8,000 Butchers to Join Stockyard Strike.

CHICAGO, Aug. 2.—Threats of a general strike of workers in the big ring of meat packing houses in support of the 800 stockhandlers in the yards was the answer of union labor today to the expected arrival of Gen. Hugh Johnson, flying here to try to break the strike. More than 8,000 cutters and butchers would walk out, tying up all but three of the big plants. Four hundred meat cutters joined the strike last night. Stockyard owners and merchants are moving to try to break the strike by force.

Win Omaha Streetcar Strike.

OMAHA, Aug. 1.—Street cars were running again today as union strikers returned to work, winning two of their three demands.

Berquist, Shapiro, Arrested at Debate; Trial Set, Aug. 30

SAN DIEGO, Calif., July 26.—Ray Berquist, 20, local organizer of the National Students League, and Paul Shapiro, 19, were arrested by the San Diego "red" squad at the East San Diego library the evening of July 21. Ray Berquist was a guest speaker with Celeste Strack, captain of the University of Southern California Women's Debate Team who was to speak on "War and Fascism."

Both were held on suspicion of criminal syndicalism, thrown in the drunk tank and refused food for 24 hours. Two days later, the original bail of \$1,000 each was reduced to \$500, and the charges changed to vagrancy, also both are residents of San Diego.

The arrests, and the attack on the Workers' Library, followed a forged leaflet issued by local fascists. It pretended to be a Communist leaflet, calling on workers to "rise up" and "loot, burn and rape."

In the city jail both refused to give the police any information and Paul Shapiro was beaten for his refusal. Jury trials are set for August 30. Both are out on bail supplied by the International Labor Defense.

"WE'LL SERVE THE PUBLIC" (AT HIGHER PRICES)

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1.—Marshall Hale, head of Hale Bros. department store, big-shot in the Merchants and Manufacturers Association and in the Chamber of Commerce, is one of those who shouted loudest about the general strike hurting the commerce and well-being of the people of this glorious city.

But, just before the general strike, while the papers in which strikes advertised so much helped with a food-shortage scare, Hale kept their workers in the grocery department almost all night taking down the price tags on all the goods and putting on higher ones. The cashiers who knew the old lower prices were shifted around to other places.

Says Hale, through his manager: "If the general strike ties up everything in the city Hales will be the last to close up. We will continue to serve the public to the very last," (at the higher prices).

Incidentally, the workers who stayed and put on the new price tags did not get a cent for their overtime.

THE "LESSER EVIL" DIES — AUSTRIA FASCISTS FIGHT BUT KEEP EYE ON COMMUNISTS — ROOSEVELT SHOULD EXPLAIN ONE YEAR OF NRA — BOSSSES NEED HAVE NO KICK — BUT SOVIET PLAN GOES AHEAD FASTER THAN EVER

San Jose Workers, Driven From Town, Return to Fight

VIGILANTE MOB, POLICE UNITE; KIDNAPPED HAULED TO SANTA BARBARA.

LOS ANGELES, July 25.—Last Thursday night in San Jose a gang of four came to our house, about 10 p.m., just as I was fixing to go to bed. One had an automatic shotgun. All had sawed-off pick handles and revolvers. I could hear others outside (later I learned there were at least 200 in the crowd). I thought it would be better to open the door. They said they wasn't going to hurt me. I told the wife they were going to take me for a ride, and she said she was going along. I told her to stay there. They also told her to stay there, but she wouldn't stay behind.

They gathered up thirteen of us in East San Jose, on McCurry street and Stowe avenue. They took us out to a school house.

After waiting at the school house fifteen minutes they blindfolded us and drove us out to a packing shed. There they took our pictures. They wanted to beat me up, but my wife being there they didn't quite dare to. They had already beaten other comrades that night. One of them they hung up four or five feet in the air at the end of a rope and let him down again. They had knocked three teeth loose while they had him blindfolded. They tore his clothes off, took his pants down and wanted to stick a pick handle up his rectum. They would have done it if he hadn't been a strong man able to protect himself. After an hour they loaded us all into machines and took us to Salinas.

There we were met by highway patrolmen and uniformed police. They booked us in Salinas on vagrancy charges and took our pictures and finger prints. About 7:30 Friday they sent us in a small stage to Santa Barbara.

The police at Santa Barbara arrested us on a blanket charge and held us there from 2 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday. They released us with orders to leave town by Sunday noon. The wife and I came on to Los Angeles and some of the boys made arrangements to get right back to San Jose.

—JESS TANNER.

L.A. COOKS, WAITERS WIN 4-DAY STRIKE AT SARDI RESTAURANT

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 2.—The militant A.F. of L. Waiters' Union Local 17 chalks up another victory. After winning the Brown Derby Restaurant strike here in four months they have won the strike at Sardi's Restaurant in four days.

The waiters and waitresses won the wage of \$13.50 a week with no deductions for meals, the 8-hour day and full union recognition. The cooks won a \$10 per month increase.

The Exception Proves the Rule

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—There is one cop who isn't a hired thug ready to club and arrest workers to defend his master's profits. Shortly after the headquarters of the Marine Workers Industrial Union were smashed up they received a letter containing a \$5 bill. With it was a small printed sticker reading: "Compliments of a Chicago policeman who refuses to club or shoot strikers or the unemployed."

INVESTIGATION DEMANDED ON POLICE RAIDS

PROMINENT LIBERALS DENOUNCE ATTACKS ON WORKERS' RIGHTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—Under pressure of an aroused working class and militant liberals, A. L. Wirin of the American Civil Liberties Union today demanded from the Department of Justice that federal authorities investigate the part played by the San Francisco police in "vigilante" raids on radical headquarters. He also asked for indictments if the evidence warrants it.

The basis of Wirin's demand is that under the U.S. criminal code it is unlawful for persons to conspire to deprive citizens of their constitutional rights.

Other members of the A.C.L.U., however, admitted they could do nothing. Asked at a recent meeting what they could do to help the Emergency Committee, Lilian Symes and Austin Lewis admitted they only represented themselves.

Meanwhile, unlawful interference with the rights of the individual, curtailment of free speech, and mob violence, and lawlessness were attacked by a group of San Francisco professionals and church people. A statement was issued by Bishop Parsons, Henry Hawes, Mrs. Earl Treadwell, Charles de Young Elkus, Will J. French, W. P. Fullerton, Jr., William Simmons, William Denman, Mrs. William Palmer Lucas, Caxton Rhodes, Louis Bartlett, Rabbi Reichart and Adolphus Graupner.

The statement, a protest against the invasion of constitutional guarantees, declared that "Abrogation of the rights of the individual and the unlawful destruction of private property should not be tolerated. Freedom of speech should always be fully and completely protected."

"This is a time when the need to redress grievances peacefully and to solve economic problems without violation of constitutional rights of the individual was never more acute. Orderly procedures that protect the rights of the individual must be safeguarded at this of all times."

Foreign News Briefs

Report Torgler Murdered in Cell.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—Reports have been received here from reliable sources, supporting the recent story printed in the London Daily Mail that Ernst Torgler has been murdered in his cell. The murder was carried out by Nazis on order of Hermann Goering during the Hitler reign of terror begun June 30. It will be remembered that Goering swore he would kill Torgler, during the Leipzig frame-up trial when the four Communist defendants were saved from death by world-wide workers' protests. Comrade Torgler was leader of the Communist deputies in the Reichstag before Hitler's seizure of power.

Order 8 Japanese Spies Shot.

MOSCOW, Aug. 1.—Eight Japanese spies and destructionists, led by the Korean spy Kim Zayen, were ordered shot following their trial here. The gang were ringleaders of a group sent by Japan to carry on destruction of parts of the Trans-Siberian Railway, as well as getting all information on its ability to carry troops to the Far East. Their work resulted in a great number of railway accidents.

Arrest Hundreds of Communists in Vienna.

VIENNA, Aug. 2.—Hundreds of Communists were imprisoned today and last night in an attempt to put down the rising movement of the workers here. The workers, seeing no difference for them in the battle between Austrian fascists and Nazis which still rages, are rallying behind the Communist Party. The first illegal Congress of the Communist Party was recently held here, and reports showed the greatly increasing strength of the Party. Masses of former Socialists are joining.

Greatest Grain Crop in USSR History.

MOSCOW, Aug. 1.—The grain harvest this year will be the greatest in the history of the USSR, according to all indications. In some parts the crop was nine times the yield of 1933. Collection of grain is well ahead of plan.

Telephone Strike Ties Up Cuba.

HAVANA, Cuba, July 26.—When officials of the Cuban Telephone Company refused to hire back more than 200 leaders of previous strikes, 1100 telephone workers walked out, completely tying up service throughout the island. The refusal of the company came despite orders from the cabinet to re-hire the strike leaders.

USSR, Bulgaria Begin Relations.

MOSCOW, Aug. 1.—Normal diplomatic relations have been officially begun between Bulgaria and the Soviet Union, another victory for the peace program of the USSR.

Painters No. 19 Want to Kick Out AF of L Fakers

A.F.L. RANK AND FILE GETTING SIGNATURES TO RECALL JUDGE

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—At Monday night's regular meeting of the Painters Local No. 19 the growing militancy of the members was voiced in dissatisfaction with the standing vote the Labor Council "Strategy" Committee of fakers put over on the resolution that re-elected in breaking the strike. Here, as everywhere, the trick of not using a roll-call vote, and then deliberately miscounting the result was denounced by many of the members among themselves. It was further charged in the meeting that unions not even on strike had sent delegates who voted to end the strike.

Protests were ordered sent to Wm. Green for his stand against the general strike and many were in favor of a resolution recalling Rossi for his strikebreaking activities.

These painters, who were among the first to back the general strike, have lost their illusions about their A.F. of L. leaders

and branded them fakers. One said, "What the Industrial Association, the police, and troops couldn't do in two months, the fakers did for them in two days." The main question was "What to do?" and "How can we get rid of these fakers?"

Ed. Note: The best way is to fight for rank and file control in the union, and in all locals for the militants to unite on a program and all other members to back them in their fight.

World Events and Western Workers

By George Morris

Added to the Austrian developments which are bringing to a head the forces towards war, comes the death of Von Hindenberg. According to the latest Hitler solves the situation very simply. He takes Hindenberg's office and combines it with the chancellery which he holds now. But that does not solve the problem for the allies of the Nazis—the Nationalists. The latter have been holding a very important share in the terror regime and as was revealed recently maintained the upper hand in many ways. Through Hindenberg they were a check on Hitler and held control of the army. Hitler's recent clean-up campaign ran up against a snag when it proceeded into the quarters of these allies.

The Nationalists represent the old monarchist elements and the big financiers. Their differences with Hitler have been sharpening at the time, especially in view of the fact that the policy of Germany has been a process of isolation from all other countries. The interests of these big financiers is very closely intertwined with those of other imperialists.

The Nationalists will not give up their important position—the presidency and with it control of the army, without a struggle. Hitler, in concentrating virtually all power in his own hands, is really narrowing his support to a minimum. As a matter of fact he is concentrating absolute power in his hands in preparation for the great conflict impending, for which the recent wholesale murders were only a forerunner.

For the working masses this will not mean a change at all. It cannot be much worse than it was until now. Hindenberg was in agreement with Hitler's reign of terror. During his presidency the workers of Germany received an example of the "lesser evil." The Social Democratic Party was one of Hindenberg's chief backers, on the ground that he will keep fascism out of Germany. He was the very avenue through which fascism came into power. His dying only completes the

process.

The world is now aware that the policy of the fascist regime is to provoke war. This is closely linked with Hitler's "New Deal" promises prior to his advent to power—for a Great United Germany (including Austria, Saar, Danzig, Silesia), abrogate the Versailles treaty, re-arm, liquidation of debts, etc. The party of war now has a freer hand than ever.

Social Democratic or Catholic workers who still entertained the remotest idea that Hindenberg, whom they helped to elect, is a safety valve, will now see their last hope fade away. With that the base for the Communist Party, the only real opposition to the fascist regime, will be broadened. The small clique in power, maintaining itself by brute force, will face a wide united front under the leadership of the Communists.

In some respects the raids in Austria bear a similarity to our recent experiences on the Coast. The General Strike moved a huge mass of workers into action. The Communist Party played its role of steering the movement along lines which could serve the interests of the workers. It presented an opportunity for winning a large part of the workers behind the Communists—not yet for revolution, as that takes the majority of the workers in the United States, but along that road, anyway. That is why our American fascists were so bent upon swooping down upon us, and at least for the moment try to scare the masses from the Party.

But thinking people soon realize that such tactics only raise the struggles of the workers to a much higher level. What our pamphlets and speeches can do in only a small way, is impressed upon the masses much more dramatically and on a much greater scale, when the rulers "lose their heads."

When Roosevelt reaches Portland, he is very likely to give us another of his usual "confidence" speeches, especially as it will fall just about on the first anniversary of the NRA.

As skilled as Roosevelt or his agents may be in demagogic, and humoring the masses along, they cannot hide the fact that NRA has failed in making good its promises to the masses. But it is for the bosses.

When the year of 1933 was over, and the results of the first six months of the NRA were announced, we were startled at the tremendous increase in profits, which were the highest since 1930. We were told that labor's share in the onrushing prosperity will come later. Now we get the report on profits of 250 of the largest corporations, for the first half of 1934. The net is \$26,563,000—a 220 per cent INCREASE OVER 1933 (National City Bank Report, July). The capitalists certainly have no reason to be dissatisfied—although they are. They want more!

But as far as conditions for the workers go, they have become very much worse. Even according to government figures there is hardly a dent in the huge unemployment figure. COUPLED WITH THIS THE NUMBER NOW DEPENDENT ON GOVERNMENT RELIEF HAS JUMPED TO A RECORD PEAK.

Labor is in a nation-wide revolt against the "New Deal." No one should be fooled by the fact that strikers often display a picture of Roosevelt, or slogans cheering the NRA promises. This is usually the case in the early stages of a strike. But towards the end they usually discover that the source of their grievance is in that very NRA policy. Prices rose. Speedups increased, and even if a small raise was granted to the workers, it was far from even balancing for the depreciation of the dollar.

Roosevelt will have some tall explaining to do. When the NRA was inaugurated he promised that

within a year America will present a rosy picture. It certainly is rosy.

Martial law in several states. National guards are rapidly becoming the main police forces for the bosses. So great is the depth of the crisis, so bankrupt are all the schemes tried to satisfy the masses, that there is a disintegration developing in the capitalist Party machine. In Louisiana and North Dakota martial law and National Guards were brought into the situation, as a result of the warring factions in the capitalist parties. Beneath both situations are the rumblings of the impoverished masses.

The only sign of "relief" which Roosevelt can point to is probably the great drought which stalks the country. As his Secretary of Agriculture, Wallace, stated, the drought saves the AAA a great job—destroys food, and keeps up prices. The fact that it means a cut in wages to the masses who buy food products, and poverty to the millions in the area, is of little importance to the "New Deal" economists. The main thing is to "adjust" things so profits will flow.

But while taking account of the achievements in the land of Wall Street it would be interesting to compare the achievements in the land where workers rule—the USSR. We will take the results of heavy industry production for the first half of 1934, which only gives us an indication of the general situation. Workers and farmers in the U.S. should always remember that in the Soviet Union, with the growth of production, there is always a corresponding improvement in the living standards of the toiling masses.

According to preliminary data of the Peoples Commissariat of Heavy Industry, in the first half-year of 1934, 9,400 million rubles worth of products were turned out—that is, 28 per cent more than in the same period of 1933. The output of heavy industry in the first six months of the current year exceeded the entire output for the whole of 1930.

The table below furnishes an idea of the results obtained in the most important branches of heavy industry in the first half of 1934:

Name of Product	Output 1st Half 1933	Output 1st Half 1934	Percent Increase

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Threaten the Lives of Hancock, Nieto In Imperial Valley

VIGILANTES BURN KLAN CROSS, LEAVE THREAT AT CHAINGANG CAMP

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Aug. 1.—The sound of a bugle at 11 p.m. Thursday night awakened the seven class-war prisoners who are alone on the chaingang at Superstition Mountain in Imperial Valley.

Five hundred yards away on a hilltop they saw burning a large cross and about it ten men shrouded in white sheets. The cross burned for about half an hour, then "taps" was sounded and the men left.

Next morning Stanley Hancock and Mike Gutierrez, Jr., went up the hill to examine the charred cross. Directly in front of the cross was a life-sized grave. Marking its head was a large stone and spelled out at its foot, in letters covering six feet, was the name HANCOCK.

The footprints of the vigilantes led across the desert to a package with an outside note addressed to: "Stanley Hancock and Nieto."

A hangman's noose and a heavy leather cat-o'-nine-tails tipped with quarter-inch steel studs were inside the package. The knot was of a type that would not bruise flesh, but cut it to ribbons.

A note read:

"Communists watch your step from now on. You advocate violence and terrorism and that is what you will get. All you want and more. Your friend who went home Monday got his Tues-day."

Beat Solorzano.

This last reference is to Tony Solorzano who after the completion of his 90-day sentence on a frame-up was beaten in his home by eight vigilantes who drove him with blows through his little house in Brawley and finally threw him unconscious on top of his young children lying trembling on the bed.

On the Monday preceding the vigilantes' night visit to the isolated chain-gang camp, three car loads of vigilantes—including the vigilante W. F. Aycock who beat Attorney Besig and the nephew of the big grower and shipper, A. N. Jack—drove into the camp. They remained over an hour, fraternized with guards and carefully scrutinized Antonio Solorzano who had not yet been released.

In answer to the wired protests of workers' groups on the vicious assault of Tony Solorzano, the sheriff of Imperial county, George L. Campbell, stated that the vigilantes are blameless and that the charges of assault against them is a trick to gain sympathy for the workers. And such has been the sheriff's explanation of all past assaults.

Protest the police-protected vigilante terror in Imperial Valley to Sheriff George L. Campbell, El Centro, Calif., and to Attorney General Cummings, Washington, D. C.

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Richmond Candidate Turns Raid on Home Into a Mass Meeting

RICHMOND, Calif., Aug. 1.—Contra Costa county vigilantes who carried on their vandalism in this Standard Oil-controlled city and wrecked the home and photographic studio of William Frater, Communist candidate for Congressman from the Sixth District made their visit while Frater was not home, in broad daylight. A large crowd of curious bystanders gathered around to watch, none of them helping.

In the midst of the raid, while the thugs were still smashing up furniture and the windows, Frater returned home. Shouldering his way through the crowd, he mounted his front steps and explained to the onlookers how vandalism of the vigilantes was fascism, and how the Communist Party was the only party fighting against fascism, and that militant workers who fought for the right to live, to strike and to picket would be met with this fascist violence unless they united with the Communist Party to smash it.

The crowd listened eagerly to every word he said and they swung toward him. His speech and courage had such a powerful effect on them that the vigilantes dared not attempt to touch him at all and left.

WIN FREEDOM FOR MRS. BONGYE, FRAMED IN COMPTON COURT

COMPTON, Calif., Aug. 2.—Mass pressure from workers against the frame-up of Mrs. Neile Bongye brought her release Friday when she was called for a re-trial before Judge Ward on a charge of attempting to cut a fire hose on the night of June 6 in Compton, where police and firemen broke up an open air mass meeting.

JACKSON TRIAL

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ing the case, and exposed the vicious frame-up proceedings and the lying testimony of police witnesses. One, Police Inspector Steele, testified he was a police spy who had wormed his way into the Communist Party as "undercover man." But the lies he told about Jackson and about the Communist Party were so obviously false that his police bosses reprimanded him in the corridors afterward. "Well, that's all you taught me," he blurted out in reply.

Jackson testified that the M. W. I. U., a union of 5,000 members on this coast, of which he is organizer, had won separate unemployed relief for seamen, had won the stopping of workdays (at 1 cent a month) on ships of many companies, had forced admission of ill seamen into the Marine Hospitals and scored many other victories in their struggles.

Testimony of Elaine Black, secretary of the I. L. D., was twisted by Prosecutor Gillen in an effort to try to make it appear that the I. L. D. was against all forms of government and for violence against them. Joe Wilson, organizer of the I. L. D., next on the stand, was stopped by the judge when he testified of how the I. L. D. offices and Workers' School at 121 Haight street was wrecked in the raids of vigilantes and police.

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I. L. A. MEN FIGHT TO HOLD GAINS

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and file is still high and expressions of determination to resume the strike are heard if the employers do not keep their agreement.

When the I. L. A. men went back to work in San Francisco they struck again on two docks when told to work with scabs despite the agreement made that all strikebreakers were to be fired.

The hearings before the Arbitration Board are expected to begin Monday, with Harry Bridges, chairman of the Joint Marine Strike Committee, J. MacLalan and Cutwright representing the longshoremen.

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jobs, to sign the following pledge: "I affirm my belief in the American form of government and my allegiance to this Government.

"I pledge my support to the constituted authorities of our City, State and Nation in upholding the government and in opposing all revolutionary attempts against it, and in maintaining order.

"I will use my influence to encourage others to act in accordance with this pledge.

"This I do of my own free will."

Of their own free will! With the boss standing over them and unemployment and starvation threatening them!

Seek Boss Censorship of Libraries.

Dr. Claude Church, representing the National Sojourners, an organization of retired army officers, is urging the board of supervisors of San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda counties to ban all radical literature in the public libraries. Authorities have

Your Paper Is A Weapon.. Use It

RED RIMES

By HENRY GEORGE WEISS

Until we workers understand that Labor's strength is in one band of union strength that fights as one, then all our efforts are undone by labor-fakers who mislead us with their every word and deed. Until we workers learn to know the Ryans and Caseys as our foe, and kick them from our labor ranks, they'll earn the bosses' dough and thanks by knitting Labor in the back to save the boss a little jack.

Until we workers come to see that Vandeleur and Haggerty, that Judases like Green and Wolf, are out to split us workers all, that Kidwell, Spooner, Peterson, are foes of Labor, everyone, and for the bosses, then we'll meet, in every strike, with sure defeat.

For all they lead us workers for is to betray us more and more, and we like fools, and more's the pity, allow them on a strike committee! We might as well let out a dollar for the unlamented Dollar, of Dollar Line, to come and sit on the strike committees and do his bit for millionaires, as to elect those labor-fakers and expect that they won't split our ranks asunder and help the bosses crush us under.

We rank and file must organize to stand against misleaders' lies, to stand against religious fraud that splits our ranks with talk of God. When Jesus Christ got hung on wood, he wasn't lynched for being good, like Bishop Hanna, to the bosses (they don't hang bishops up on crosses); but only "reds" and other workers, who won't sell out—like labor-fakers.

Cut Off Communists From Relief Rolls In Contra Costa Co.

RICHMOND, Calif., July 25.—Known Communists and suspected "reds" are being dropped from County relief rolls. A notice to that effect, described as an ultimatum, was posted last Tuesday, July 24, in Contra Costa County.

The press reports that 27 alleged Communists were stricken from relief by unanimous vote of the County Board of Supervisors. Relief head, Ruth "Buzzard" McCord, appeared before the board and told them Sacramento had shown the way by dropping from the relief rolls all alleged radicals who had filed for public office or signed nomination petitions. She said several of such men had refused SERA jobs, whereas the truth is that hundreds of unemployed are refusing the pittance provided by part-time forced labor and have demanded increased cash relief.

In San Francisco, Judge Steiger and other officials have turned over to the relief agencies hundreds of names of militant workers who have passed through and been man-handled by the courts here as a result of last week's red raids. The object is to classify them as "subversive elements" and to starve them into allegiance to fascist dictatorship by cutting off relief.

Five were arrested Saturday night, July 27th, when they tried to re-open the Workers' Center at 1223 Fillmore street, which had been raided and wrecked the week before. Mass protests have since forced the courts to grant a restraining order and the hall is now open again.

Geo. Williams, Jos. Sedanoff and Ben Freeman were given 30 days and the other two dismissed.

Elaine Black, Secretary of the International Labor Defense, was arrested in Jefferson Park on the following Sunday afternoon for speaking before a crowd of workers.

All of these workers have been framed on fake charges of vagrancy. The conditions they are suffering in jail are serious. They must be bailed out at once. Workers or sympathizers who have funds or property which can be loaned for bail, or who can make donations should communicate immediately with the Emergency Defense Committee at 1005 Market street, room 410.

OAKLAND TRIALS

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Of four workers arrested during the raids and charged with vagrancy, Herzog was the only one acquitted. Phil Parent, Kay, and Carroll, were convicted and will be sentenced tomorrow.

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32 JAILED IN RAIDS STILL AWAIT TRIAL

24 WORKERS SENTENCED TO S. F. COUNTY JAIL ON VAG. FRAME-UPS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—Thirty-two workers arrested during police raids since July 17 are still held in the S. F. city jail pending jury trial and 24 are in the county jail at Ingleside who have already been sentenced, according to the latest report from the Emergency Committee for the Defense of Workers' Civil Rights.

Eight are now out on bail and a drive is being made to bail out all others by Saturday. Writs have been taken out on 16 in the city jail for reduction in bail. All bail will possibly be reduced to \$250.00 after writs are returned. Ten workers are being held for possible deportation and eleven for investigation.

The majority of those serving time in the county jail were railroaded by a kangaroo court. Being told that they were to appear for a summary investigation only, they did not demand jury trials. However, when they were brought before Judge Steiger he called it a trial and gave them all sentences. George Gourdin is serving 6 months, nine have been sentenced to 90 days, eight to 60 days, two to 30 days and one to 15 days.

One worker, Patrick Burns, being held in the city jail is suffering with six broken ribs as a result of beatings by police.

Three Jailed From Fillmore Hall.

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Editorial Column

ANSWER THE ATTACK.. UNITED FRONT

Never before was the need for a United Front of all elements, in the working class more apparent than now. Capitalism has gathered all the forces of reaction to crush the working class movement, and introduced fascism in full bloom. California was selected as the testing ground for this policy, because here is where labor through a mighty general strike has sounded a clarion call to the rest of the country, for a militant united struggle against the "Raw Deal." As is the practice in every attack against the working class, it is its most advanced elements which are the first to be attacked—the Communists and the militant workers.

In 1919 when the full weight of the U. S. government was thrown against the newly-formed Communist Party, with wholesale arrests from coast to coast, that was only a prelude for the most far-reaching open-shop campaign, from which labor has to this day not recovered fully. It is a matter of common knowledge that the shipowners and the Industrial Association, in launching the anti-red raids, figured on finishing with smashing the marine unions. But 15 years of experience for the Communists and the workers of the U. S. defeated this effort. Despite betrayal by the Labor Council misleaders, the workers returned to work with a strong union, and learned who their real and honest leaders are.

But failure to crush the Communists does not discourage the capitalists from continuing their fascist line. In fact the momentum developed for the drive against the Communist Party has been broadened to include fraternal organizations, and unions. Taking a lesson from California, in Minneapolis, the National Guards seized the headquarters of the teamsters' union. Union headquarters in many agricultural regions have been smashed. Headquarters of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, the first to call the seamen out, were also smashed. The term "Communist," to the capitalist class, denotes all opposition to exploitation, even though it may not yet be under Communist leadership.

In face of this there must be the broadest united front of all labor. THIS IS WHAT THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS AIMING TO DEVELOP.

SOCIALIST PARTY REFUSES UNITED FRONT.

As one of the steps in this direction the Socialist Party was approached by a committee of the Communist Party. The answer was a flat "No." In refusing to join a united fight against vigilante rule, the S. P. thereby gives objective support to these fascist bands. It was much easier to indulge in general discourses against fascism—even to voice a resolution against fascism in Europe. BUT THE SOCIALIST PARTY MISLEADERS SHOW THEIR HAND WHEN ACTUALLY CHALLENGED TO A STRUGGLE AT HOME. Dempster, White, and the other state leaders of the Socialist Party know that their members are demanding united action. That is why they, hoping that the Communist Party will have no opportunity to speak to workers, indulge in general preaching for unity. Last Sunday, at Jefferson Square, in San Francisco, at an open air meeting, these state leaders tried this trick. BUT TO THEIR SURPRISE A COMMUNIST SPEAKER ROSE WHEN THEY FINISHED AND EXPOSED THE FACT THAT A UNITED FRONT PLEA THE EVENING WAS REFUSED. The cheering of the workers showed that they understood the tricks of the "Socialists."

Members of the Socialist Party and other organizations, who undoubtedly sincerely desire a united fight against fascism, as it is creeping into our very homes, will get it only if it is forced over the heads of these humbugs.

And there is no time to be lost! The task has chiefly fallen on the shoulders of the workers and farmers of California to defeat this fascist offensive. If we fail to establish the elementary rights of the workers here, we can expect the vigilante snake to wrap its coils around the entire working class movement.

EVERY LOCAL ORGANIZATION SHOULD MEET AND DECIDE TO JOIN THE UNITED FRONT.

PROGRESSIVE MINDED PEOPLE, WHO REALLY MEAN WHAT THEY SAY, SHOULD JOIN THE MOVEMENT.

THE STRIKE IS OVER == WHAT NEXT?

Now that the Great Strike is over—What next?

The capitalist press would have us believe that the termination of the strike saved California from a revolution—that the struggles gained nothing for labor.

Workers have now had enough time to realize that the "red scare" was only to lay a basis for a drive to crush the only honest leaders the workers have, as a prerequisite for selling out the strike.

The gains of the workers are tremendous as a result of the marine and General Strikes. Our failure to win far more is due solely to the fact that we had to fight a united front of the Labor Council fakers, Rossi, Merriam, and the bosses.

In the first place the open-shop drive attempted by the bosses, and shipowners in particular, was defeated. The company unions and boss hiring halls were smashed.

Secondly, not only have the existing unions been saved from destruction but thousands joined many unions. It is only to be regretted that the labor officials still held many from joining with high initiation fees, and closed union books. The strength of the General Strike has forced the unionization of many establishments.

Thirdly, the workers have learned what fakers their officials, especially the higher ones, are. They learned that their real champions are the militants and Communists.

Fourthly, we have had the most dramatic demonstration of the power of labor, if it only unites its crafts, and follows a militant policy.

Fifthly, the political character of the struggle of the workers was made clear to even the most backward. The move of the workers was met by a complete mobilization of every force in the hands of the capitalist and "impartial" government—the militia, police, deputies, press, church, provocateurs, fascist bands, etc. Many of the leaders in this drive were elected as "friends of labor."

Finally, the San Francisco General Strike was the most powerful call to labor throughout the country to counter the "New Deal" offensive to drive down the living conditions, with an offensive for better conditions.

As to whether these gains will be transformed into more food in the workers' pantry depends entirely upon the vigilance of the rank and file—DETERMINATION TO COUNTER ANY ATTEMPT OF THE BOSSSES TO ACCOMPLISH THROUGH TRICKERY WHAT THEY FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH WITH MILITIA AND RAIDS.

KICK OUT FAKERS—CHIEF TASK.

The foremost task is to replace the present officials most of whom are only in the business of selling labor. Just so long as they remain in office, they paralyze the power of the workers. RANK AND FILE GROUPS MUST BE FORMED IN ALL LOCAL UNIONS TO CONSIST OF THOSE WHO SINCERELY WILL FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF THE UNION BY THE MEMBERS, AND THAT THEIR DECISIONS BE CARRIED OUT.

Every local union should declare war against the terror drive of the police and vigilantes, which if allowed to continue will open the way for another union-smashing drive. In this the unions should courageously demand the right for the Communist Party to carry on its functions without interference, as the same suppression campaign is contemplated against all honest elements in the unions.

Local unions should repudiate the policy of the Labor Council, and their officials, who are part of the bosses' political machines. In San Francisco, Vandeleur, Kidwell and Co., through the so-called Union Labor Party, are among the chief supporters of the Rossi political machine. Demand that Communist candidates be invited to speak before your local, and state the position of the workers.

In the unions of the longshoremen and seamen, the members have tested their officials in a three-months' battle. Their district and national officials such as Lewis, Ryan and Scharenberg, have proven themselves treacherous, and should be kicked out immediately.

OTHER LEADERS CAME OUT OF THE STRUGGLE. BY THEIR COURAGE, HONESTY AND DEVOTION THEY HAVE PROVEN THEIR FITNESS TO CONTINUE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION.

It is with the joint organized action of all such unionists in the locals that a basis will be formed for making the great change—to instill such active militant spirit into labor as the bosses will never dare to challenge with another open-shop drive.

The issue is clear. Merriam, Gen. Johnson, the Industrial Association say, "Conservative labor must rule. Drive out the 'Reds'!"

A unionist, who loves his organization dearly, and strives to make it a weapon for a decent living standard says, "Drive the Vandeleurs and Caseys out. They are a disease gnawing at the vitals of the labor movement. Replace them with young, honest fighters."

The General Strike was a beginning for the general drive against the labor fakers. Put your power behind it!

Secret Army Mobilization Exposed!

July 12, 1934.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The Army is holding its largest peace-time officer's maneuver in New Jersey from September 24 to 28. The maneuver will consist of the concentration of the officer personnel of General Headquarters and two Armies and the advance to and conduct of battle.

Believing that this will be of national interest, arrangements are being made to the limit of available accommodations to care for correspondents representing the wire services and the main newspapers or the areas from which the participating headquarters will be drawn.

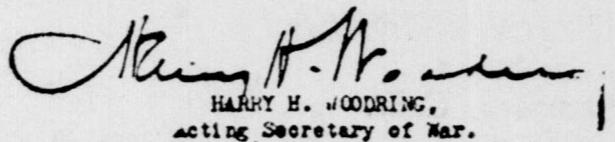
The correspondents will be quartered in camp at the General Headquarters and will be subject to such regulations as would be the case during actual hostilities. It is the desire of the War Department in the conduct of this exercise to simulate actual war conditions as much as possible.

We would be pleased to have you send a representative to cover the maneuver. His expense while at the maneuver will be defrayed by the War Department for the seven days in camp. Each accredited correspondent should take with him sufficient clothing and personal belongings (typewriter optional) for a stay of one week in the field. Bedding will be furnished. Correspondents will be messaged at officers' messes at about \$1.50 per day.

In order that necessary arrangements can be made will you kindly fill out the enclosed application blank and send it in by July 25th.

It is requested that no publicity be given to this exercise until after the issue of the first official release by the War Department which will be transmitted to you about the middle of August.

Sincerely yours,



HARRY H. WOODRING,
acting Secretary of War.

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Secret test mobilization of the greatest war machine this country has ever had is disclosed in the above letter which sets M-Day (Mobilization Day) for the near future. M-Day is the War Department's officially designated day for instant mobilization of all industrial and military forces throughout the entire country. In New Jersey two armies will go through battle as closely approximating war conditions as possi-

ble. Acting Secretary of War Woodring, who issued the above letter, recently let the cat out of the bag with regard to these mobilizations when he said in an article in Liberty magazine that the army is organized "to cope with social and economic problems in an emergency"—meaning that it will be used to aid Wall Street against the rising movement of the workers and farmers.

The Communist Party And The General Strike

(By MICHAEL QUIN.)

The San Francisco General Strike was a mass struggle of all organized labor defending its fundamental right to organize. It was a struggle between labor and capital on an issue so clear-cut as to admit of no confusion in the minds of thinking workers. Either the longshoremen were to have control of their hiring halls or they were not. Either the longshoremen were to be organized in a union under rank and file leadership with control over their working conditions or they were to work as slaves under a boss-controlled union dominated by labor fakers. This was an issue threatening the very existence of organized labor in San Francisco. This was the issue which drew militant support from 125,000 workers in the San Francisco Bay area who united in a solid wall of struggle against the trickery and violence of the employers. There can be no confusion or misunderstanding over a point so plain as this.

The capitalist newspapers, one of the principal strikebreaking weapons wielded by the employers, made every effort to conceal this fundamental issue, to mislead both the strikers and the general public by editorials and lying news articles. The strike was declared to be a Communist revolution. Workers struggling for living wages and decent working conditions were described as being hypnotized into striking by paid agitators from Moscow. Attack of Call-Bulletin.

The San Francisco Call-Bulletin carried an editorial on July 17, 1934, which was typical of the stand taken by all capitalist papers, and which was later reprinted in leaflet form and mailed to all striking longshoremen. This was an effort to side-track the workers from the strike and to incite them against the Communist Party, the one Party which had actively supported and given leadership to the strike. Mailed along with the editorial was a copy of Matthew Woll's red scare article recently published in Liberty magazine and answered in the Western Worker.

The printing of such editorials and scare headlines was timed perfectly to coincide with the smashing of workers' halls, homes and headquarters by vigilante gangs of Chicago gunmen and local hoodlums acting in co-operation with the police and the National Guard, at the direct orders of the Industrial Association and the city administration. It coincided with the illegal arrests of hundreds of workers who had committed no crime but were booked on the ridiculous charges of vagrancy, and "en route to Los Angeles," so they could be held for at least a week without setting bail. It coincided with the railroadings through of the yellow sell-out resolution plotted by Vandeleur and his Tragedy Committee of seven in conjunction with the employers (delegates report that the resolution was swindled through by a fake count of the votes of the Strike Committee); it coincided with "red scare" radio speeches by Archbishop Hanna and General Johnson. In short, the Call-Bulletin editorial was part of a carefully planned major strikebreaking offensive against the workers.

Party Active in Strike.

But what direct part did the Communist Party play in the strike? The Communist Party was the only Party which lined up 100 per cent on the side of the workers and fought their battles shoulder to shoulder with them. On Bloody Thursday—when the police tried to break the longshoremen's strike by terror, Nick Coundeokakis, a Communist Party member was shot

The Four Horsemen of the Industrial Association, the police, the newspapers, the Federal mediation board, and the A.F. of L. fakers, trying to ride rough-shod over organized labor.

What Is "Communistic"?

What part did the Communist Party play in the general strike? Was the strike led by Communists? What do the bosses mean by Communistic?

In the first place, all strikes are Communistic in one respect since they represent a struggle of workers against the capitalists who exploit them. The struggle of workers for a decent life is the fundamental principle of the Communist Party. And the bosses recognize this struggle and call it Communism wherever it crops out.

It must be observed by every worker that the objective of the bosses in all strikes is to "break them" and to do so by any and every means from demagogic to bloodshed. One of the chief methods of strikebreaking is to sell out the workers through the trickery of AF of L officials. When they refer to "labor's regular leaders" they are referring to such notorious labor scabs as Ryan, Casey, Vandeleur, McGrady, etc. When strikers allow themselves to be sold out by these vicious misleaders they are behaving, according to the bosses, in a strictly American fashion.

If, on the other hand, they deny these fakers, elect their own rank and file leaders and seek to negotiate their own demands and struggle to win them, then they are immediately labelled Communists and the newspapers break out with hysterical headlines about a Communist revolution.

But these rank and file leaders? Are they Communists? As a matter of fact they are very apt to be. The Communist Party trains its members in the science and technique of political and economic struggle. Communist Party members make a special study of strikes and labor struggles. They are well informed on all the maneuvers of the bosses and the methods of organizing against them. In short, the Communist Party member, trained for leadership, is more apt by his very fitness to become a leader in your union. He has no other interest than your interest. He is loyal to your cause because it is his cause.

But, you might ask, doesn't he take his orders from Moscow? Isn't he a foreign agitator? Such accusations are plain, ordinary nonsense. He is your fellow worker and more than likely born in the U. S. A. If he should happen to be born in some other country, what of it? He is still your fellow worker and his interests are the same class interests as yours. The Communist Party makes no discrimination either of race, color or nationality.

They did not know that they were being lured into a trap from which there is no escape except through chaos and disaster."

Meaning that workers who strike are lured into a trap because the bosses are determined that workers must accept whatever pay and whatever conditions the bosses decide or else be shot down in their tracks by police thugs and troops.

Every worker, every union and every working class organization must protest and resist to the utmost the growing wave of fascism that is sweeping the USA which was so clearly demonstrated in the vigilante and police violence during the marine strike.

Protest the attack on working class organizations and the arrest of class conscious workers.

Fight for rank and file control in your unions, not just when a strike is on, but all the

Workers Defy Terror, Brutality in San Francisco Jail

(By An Arrested Worker.)

hurt him! He's sick. He can't help it."

The guards throw a bucket of water over the man. His head moves slowly and his eyes open. "Take that, you son of a b----!" A guard draws back his foot and kicks him in the mouth with a full swing of his foot. "Stop it! You murdering b----!" yell the prisoners.

The guards beat the man. They beat him systematically, slowly, thoroughly. You could hear his ribs crack under their blows. The man draws his arms over his face and groans. He is too weak to scream.

The guards are finished. The man lies motionless, deathly quiet. He is shackled and carried to the hospital.

The guards return.

"Did any of you sons of b---- see anything?" Their voices are threatening. The men hesitate.

The guards roar again, "You bums didn't see anything. See?"

A militant worker steps forward. "I saw you. I saw you murder a man."

The guards are quick with their keys. Another b---- to slug! But they stop quickly. Militant workers step forward. "I saw. I saw. I saw." The cell block resounds with cries, "I saw. I saw. I saw."

The guards withdraw their keys.

Later in the day the man dies.

This is the San Francisco jail. This is no story from the days of the Spanish Inquisition. This is the San Francisco jail in 1934. These are the militant workers who dared to ask for a union of their own under their own rank and file leadership. This is one more incident in the great class struggle; one more step toward the seizure of power and a workers' and farmers' government.

All Quiet On the Frisco Front

By STEPHEN PEACOCK

"The Western Worker is no more." The "Red menace is stamped out." Most of the reds are "fleeing from California" and are "hanging on to boxcars like clusters of grapes." The Southern Pacific thoughtfully provided 4,000 special gondolas to accommodate the stampeding Bolsheviks.

Only five known reds are left in San Francisco. Two of them are hiding in the Ferry Building clock, and the remaining three, when last seen, were holding by their teeth to a rope suspended from the top of the Coit Memorial Tower. They are not likely to escape as they are surrounded by the police, army and navy, while the airforce is keeping a watch above them.

Narrow Escape.

While the capitalist press so faithfully tried to protect the public from the red danger, Hearst, Chandler, Scripps-Howard & Co. failed to tell the real story. They were afraid of frightening their readers.

Do you realize, dear friend, that the day the General Strike was called four divisions of the Chinese Red Army arrived in a balloon and hid under Alcatraz Island to await orders from Moscow? And who do you think was personally directing the whole blooming uprising? None other than Joseph Stalin, standing on the poop deck of a Soviet submarine anchored in the Los Angeles river.

Everybody knew it was Stalin, because he wore a red shirt, flannel nightgown, huge black mustache, and smoked a pipe.

Country Is Safe.

Well, democracy has been preserved, pickled and canned by filling the jails with unemployed workers from the souplines. Law and order has been maintained by the delightful method of demolishing pianos, wrecking typewriters, smashing windows and cracking skulls. The pillars of the country are intact, may not even be besmirched. The Constitution still sits, though a trifling stipulation.

In other words, the country is again safe for the people—the nice, real, best people, including Fleischacker, Hearst, Dollar, Crocker, Rossi, Merriam, Casey, Ryan, Scharenberg, the members of the late lamented "strategy committee" of the San Francisco Labor Council and their fellow strategists on the General Strike Committee. They showed them reds, by God! They learned 'em a lesson, I'll tell the world.